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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY.

155th meeting.

January 18, 1916.

Owing to absence from the city of President Morgan, Vice-President Allen C. Clark presided; there were about 75 members and guests. The *In Memoriam* for our distinguished ex-President, Hon. Alexander Burton Hagner, prepared by W. B. Bryan, was read, adopted by the Society and on motion of Mrs. Richardson, the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the same to his nieces.

Harvey W. Wiley, LL.D., was the speaker of the evening and talked most convincingly on "The Effect of Food on the Efficiency of the Nation." The subject was discussed by Mr. Allen C. Clark, Dr. Bertram Post (Professor of Biology at the Roberts College, Constantinople) and Judge Bundy.

At the Annual Meeting, formal announcement being made that Doctor Morgan had requested that his name should not be brought before the Society for reëlection, he having already served for seven years as President, Mrs. Richardson moved that the Society tender Doctor Morgan a vote of thanks for the great interest he has shown in its welfare and the efficiency he has manifested in the discharge of all the duties pertaining to the office of president. Motion carried and the Secretary instructed to so inform Doctor Morgan.

Mr. Allen C. Clark was elected President.

156th meeting.

February 15, 1916.

Meeting opened with President Clark in the chair and about 125 members and guests in attendance.

The communication was by William Van Zandt Cox on "Hon. Matthew G. Emery, the last Mayor of Washington," and reminiscences of the Mayor were added by Daniel O'C. Callaghan, Dr. Tindall, Washington Topham and the Chair.

The evening closed with an informal reception and buffet

luncheon tendered by President Clark to the members and invited guests.

157th meeting.

March 21, 1916.

Theodore W. Noyes gave the communication, his subject being "The Presidents and the National Capital." President Clark and Judge Bundy participated in the ensuing discussion, the latter moving a vote of thanks, seconded by Hon. Stanton J. Peelle.

President Clark occupied the chair and the audience numbered about 200.

158th meeting.

April 18, 1916.

Mr. P. Lee Phillips being absent from the city, President Clark read his communication, "The Negro Benjamin Banneker, Astronomer and Mathematician. Plea for Universal Peace," to an audience of about 125 members and guests, and then added various items of information to what was set forth in the paper.

The second communication was by Mr. William A. Gordon and dealt with "A Boy's Recollections of Georgetown."

President Clark occupied the chair.

159th Meeting.

May 16, 1916.

President Clark and an audience of about 75 members and guests listened to Mrs. Harriot Stoddert Turner's communication on her distinguished relative, "Benjamin Stoddert, the First Secretary of the Navy."

President Clark followed with a communication on "Walter Lenox, the Thirteenth Mayor of the City of Washington." There was a general discussion and the audience examined various documents, books and pictures having reference to the two communications.

160th meeting.

November 21, 1916.

"Washington, Old and New," by Mr. Frederick L. Fishback, and illustrated by over a hundred lantern slides, drew

an audience of more than 200 members and their friends, who testified to their appreciation by hearty applause and a rising vote of thanks.

161st meeting.

December 19, 1916.

President Clark in the chair and about 110 members and their friends greeted Alexander Graham Bell, LL.D., who presented to the Society a reprint of Dr. William Thornton's essay "On teaching the Deaf, or Surd, and consequently Dumb, to Speak," written in 1793, and paid a glowing tribute to Doctor Thornton's achievements as physician, architect, painter, District Commissioner, scientist, etc.

Mr. A. W. Kline followed to tell the Society of the generous gift to the pictorial history of the city completed by Doctor Bell during the past summer. On the death of C. M. Bell, the photographer, who had succeeded Brady shortly after the close of the Civil War, his business, including some 40,000 negatives of prominent people, was bought by a Mr. Boise, who intended selling the photographic plates to the Eastman Kodak Company. Doctor Bell heard of the collection and finding that photographer Bell had pasted the name of each sitter on the negative, bought the entire collection and stored it at the Volta Bureau, 35th and Volta Place, Georgetown. The plates are now arranged alphabetically and can be consulted by any one seeking the likeness of one likely to have been photographed during the latter half of the nineteenth century.

The second communication of the evening was on "Beginnings of the Weather Bureau," by Prof. Willis L. Moore, who spoke as one that loved his subject.

Both speakers were included in a rising vote of thanks.